

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mallory Fundora as a recipient of the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Mallory Fundora, a resident of Clarksville and a junior at Rossvie High School, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fundora earned this award for her efforts to help children in Uganda through her organization Project Yesu; her desire to help began in 2010, when she met members of a Ugandan orphans' choir touring the U.S. and recognized how happy the children were despite having so little; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mallory Fundora began her efforts to help Ugandan children by holding fundraisers, conducting supply drives, writing a blog, and speaking at events; on a trip to Uganda in 2012, she met with village leaders and visited schools to learn firsthand about the needs of children there; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Fundora's leadership, Project Yesu has recruited donors from around the world to sponsor the education of 138 children in Uganda; launched an additional

program to provide nutritious breakfasts each weekday for 450 Ugandan children; and recently partnered with another organization to build a playground for the children in their village; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Fundora who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Mallory Fundora, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Mallory Fundora, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community and around the world, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.